

<b>Notice of Allowability</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/608,475	SAITOH, HIROMI	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Toan Ton	2871	

**-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--**  
All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 03/02/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-6.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 June 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☒ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/455,447.
    3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.  
**THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.**

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS ( as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
  - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review ( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)   | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)            |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)   | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),<br>Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                               |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit<br>of Biological Material                     | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance   |
|  | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____.   |

### REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. Claims 1-6 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record does not anticipate nor render obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art a liquid crystal display device comprising a combination of various elements as claimed, more specifically, a third substrate disposed above the outer side of at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate, the third substrate being formed of a same material as the at least one of the first substrate, the size of the third substrate being larger than the size of the first substrate, the position of the end surface of the first substrate being disposed inwardly of the third substrate, a shielding member being disposed on the third substrate, along the peripheral region of the third substrate (claims 1, 4-6); a third substrate disposed above the outer side of at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate, the size of the third substrate being larger than the size of the first substrate, the position of the end surface of the first substrate being disposed inwardly of the third substrate, a shielding member being disposed on the third substrate, along the peripheral region of the third substrate, the incident light from the third substrate side traveling through the third substrate side traveling through the first substrate and being emitted from the second substrate, and the light shielding member overlapping the sealant and extending outward over the sealant as viewed in plane (claims 2-3).

Gomi ('706) discloses a liquid crystal display device comprising first and second substrates, a liquid crystal layer sandwiched between the first and second substrates a third substrate disposed on an outer side of the first/second substrate. However, Gomi fails to disclose 'a third substrate disposed above the outer side of at least one of the first substrate and

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the second substrate, the third substrate being formed of a same material as the at least one of the first substrate, the size of the third substrate being larger than the size of the first substrate, the position of the end surface of the first substrate being disposed inwardly of the third substrate, a shielding member being disposed on the third substrate, along the peripheral region of the third substrate (claims 1, 4-6); a third substrate disposed above the outer side of at least one of the first substrate and the second substrate, the size of the third substrate being larger than the size of the first substrate, the position of the end surface of the first substrate being disposed inwardly of the third substrate, a shielding member being disposed on the third substrate, along the peripheral region of the third substrate, the incident light from the third substrate side traveling through the third substrate side traveling through the first substrate and being emitted from the second substrate, and the light shielding member overlapping the sealant and extending outward over the sealant as viewed in plane (claims 2-3)'.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan Ton whose telephone number is (571) 272-2303.

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